

## Message Text

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ACTION SY-05

INFO OCT-01 EA-10 NEA-11 ISO-00 /027 W  
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R 011015Z JUN 78  
FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1936  
INFO AMEMBASSY KABUL  
AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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STATE FOR A/SY/OPS/T, A/SY/OPS/FO  
KABUL FOR RSO, HONG KONG FOR OIC/RTC AND RSS

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ASEC  
SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT FOR REGIONAL SEABEE

REF: NEW DELHI 17226 (1977), 782 (NOTAL)

1. ON JUNE 1 AN ADDITIONAL INCIDENT OCCURED WHICH FURTHER EMPHASIZES THE NEW DELHI REGIONAL SEABEE'S NEED FOR A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT. IN AN ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE TIMELY RESPONSE TO RSO KABUL'S REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY SECURITY MAINTENANCE, CB WILLIAM J. HEDGES PERSONALLY TOOK HIS "OFFICIAL" PASSPORT AND TSO CAMP'S "DIPLOMATIC" PASSPORT TO THE AFGHAN EMBASSY FOR VISA ISSUANCE. MR. HEDGES WAS INFORMED THAT TSO CAMP COULD BE GIVEN A VISA IMMEDIATELY; HOWEVER, THE ISSUANCE OF A VISA TO AN "OFFICIAL" PASSPORT HOLDER REQUIRED THAT THE AFGHAN EMBASSY IN NEW DELHI RECEIVE PERMISSION FROM KABUL TO ISSUE THE VISA, A PROCESS TAKING SEVERAL DAYS.

2. THIS INCONVENIENCE AND DELAYED SECURITY  
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SERVICE COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED HAD MR. HEDGES HAD A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT. IT IS FELT THAT THIS INCIDENT AND THE OTHER SIMILAR INCIDENTS REFERRED TO IN REFTELS SURELY PROVIDE MORE THAN SUFFICIENT JUSTIFICATION TO ISSUE MR. HEDGES A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT.

3. PLEASE ADVISE THE STATUS OF THIS LONG STANDING  
REQUEST.  
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## Message Attributes

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